GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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DATA ON FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the data relating to the number of food processing industries set up are not Centrally maintained by the Ministry;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the manner in which the strategy for encouraging the food industries in the country is being framed in the absence of the above data?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) is maintaining the data of those food processing industries which have been financially assisted by the Ministry.

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation is maintaining the data on both organized and un-organized food processing industries functioning in the country.

(c): The strategy, programme and policies for encouraging food processing industries in the country are framed in consultations with all the stakeholders in the sector. The Ministry organizes workshops, seminars, consultation, investors meet, promotional events etc. to create awareness and solicit views of all the stakeholders to frame policies and programmes. The Ministry also undertake evaluation of its ongoing programmes and based on these inputs further improves/ modifies the ongoing schemes and formulates new programmes. Planning Commission also sets up Working Group to prepare strategy for the Five Years Plan for food processing industries. These inputs are taken into account by the Ministry in formulating its strategies for encouraging food processing industries in the country.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI), with an intention to make concerted efforts for growth and development of food processing sector, is also encouraging the State Governments to frame Food Processing Policies aiming at creating rural infrastructure, raising level of food processing, generating farm level employment and over all enabling environment keeping in view the requirements of the states. States like Kamataka, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, ndhra Pradesh and West Bengai have formulated separate State Food Processing Policies. Punjab, Tripura, Chhattisgarh, Haryana and Odisha are having their Food Processing Policy as a part of their Industrial Policy.